Meeting Notes

Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2 Community Reference Group

Date	28/09/2026	Time	6:00pm-7:15pm
Chair	Joshua Lim	Meeting no.	4 of 2026-27 term
Location	Online Zoom meeting	Minute taker	Thomas Samuel

Attendees

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Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Joshua Lim (JL)	VIDA Roads (Chair)	Angela Vorng (AV)	VIDA Roads
Barbara Marshall (BM)	Community Member	Veronica Podhorodecki (VPo)	VIDA Roads
David Briggs (DB)	Community Member	Thomas Samuel (TS)	VIDA Roads
Jo Jamieson (JJ)	Community Member	Josh Ribarich (JR)	VIDA Roads
Lex De Man (LD)	Community Member	Vavineh Jordan (VJ)	VIDA Roads
Pamela Kalms (PK)	Community Member	Lachlan McCann (LM)	McConnell Dowell Group
Troy Zaccagnini (TZ)	Community Member	Shafiul Haque (SH)	McConnell Dowell Group
Evan Woolnough (EW)	Community Member	Dharsh Krishnan (DKr)	Decmil
Suzanne Teese (STe)	Community Member	Jasmin Breed (JB)	Decmil
		Vesna Pismanovska (VPi)	Nillumbik Shire Council

Apologies

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Martin Jeyakumar (MJ)	Community Member	Paul Reeves (PR)	VIDA Roads (Chair)
Stuart Thompson (ST)	Community Member	Daniel Kollmorgen (DK)	VIDA Roads (Chair)
Belinda Thomas (BT)	Community Member	Kirsten Richmond (KR)	City of Whittlesea
Mark Riches (MR)	CFA	Arthur Tsoutsoulis (AT)	City of Whittlesea

Key discussion points/decisions

Owner	Action
Joshua Lim (JL) Josh Ribarich (JR)	**Welcome and Introduction** JL noted the project team is currently reaching out to new members to join the CRG based on previous applications. <u>Outstanding actions</u> **Action 2.1: I**t is not feasible to make the centre lane a combined left and right turn due to traffic light sequencing at the intersection. This will result in less time for clearing left-turning traffic, worsening the traffic performance of the intersection. However, the left turn lane on Ironbark Road will be extended further to add capacity. **Action 3.1:** Covered in presentation during this meeting **Action 3.2:** Speed humps were standard height and, as such, could not be lowered. These were removed on Thursday 17 September. **Action 3.3:** Speed monitor has been moved south of Ironbark Road, opposite Yarrambat Primary School on Friday 4 September. As works progress, monitors will be moved across the project as required. **Action 3.4:** Covered in presentation during this meeting **Action 3.5:** The Project holds pop-up community events when required ahead of milestone works or major disruption events, as well as attending the monthly Laurimar Community Market where possible. Setting up extended satellite pop-up workspaces isn't possible due to feasibility and staff availability, however the project is always open to exploring additional pop-up events to better inform the community. **Action 3.6:** At this stage, there are no plans to remove further gawk screens in this area. However, temporary traffic lights have been installed at the site compounds between Kurrak Road and Worns Lane and Golf Links Drive and Youngs Road. The signals at Jorgensen Avenue will be installed at a later date to assist with traffic flow, as well as entry to and exit from Yarrambat Park.
Dharsh Krishnan (DKR) Lachlan McCann (LM) Shafiul Haque (SH)	**Managing Construction Impacts** <u>Presentation covered management of construction impacts that affect the community, such as noise, dust, vibration and traffic.</u> JL asked if there was a difference between how each contractor performs their dust audits. LM said they are quite similar and a lot of planning is done before construction begins to ensure impacts, such as dust generated through excavation activities, are minimised as much as possible. LM added the project team also manage unused dirt piles through a process known as hydroseeding to prevent increased dust. **Traffic Management** DB asked if the project team could repaint the centre lines at various sections along Yan Yean Road.

	SH said the centre line and cat's eye reflectors were recently replaced between Heard Avenue and North Oatlands Road and north of Jorgensen Avenue. The team will continue to investigate whether other sections along Yan Yean Road require further work. *Action: BBR to investigate repainting further centre lines along Yan Yean Road.* EW asked what the height of the planned rumble strips would be. SH said the strips will sit above the ground by a few millimetres. LD thanked the project for its resolution to maintain Yarrambat Park emergency access for the CFA. The issue was previously raised with both short and long-term considerations in the last CRG meeting and a solution has been reached in both cases.
Veronica Podhorodecki (VPo)	**Landscaping Update** <u>Presentation covered an update on the landscaping design adjacent to Diamond Valley Archery Club.</u> DB asked what style of timber fence would be used in this area. VPo said it will be similar to a residential timber fence. BM asked if fencing currently located in this area is part of the final design. DB clarified that is existing fencing behind the target range. BM asked if the fence will be stained or painted to be made less obvious in terms of standing out. VPo said this will be achieved by disguising the fence creating landscaping between the shared user path and the fence. EW asked if the Yarrambat Park golf course fence will be the same height as archery fence. VPo said the golf course fence will be 2.5 metres high. DB commented on the standard of the fencing design. VPo said the fence is intended to be functional and not a feature. It will be constructed to a standard that will last and serve a functional purpose. Plants and shrubs will be planted to support the rural aesthetic and to hide it. DB asked whether the 1.8 metre fence would be located where the existing fence is at the boundary, existing at the base of the slope. VPo said the project team will confirm the heights and location of the fencing. *Action: BBR to confirm exact heights and location of fencing at the boundary of Diamond Valley Archery Club* JJ asked who to call for cleaning graffiti during construction.

	VPo said during construction, the public can contact the project team for any matters regarding maintenance. When the project is complete, it is handed back to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and council. There is a two-year period where the contractor and VIDA Roads will maintain landscaping maintenance to make sure landscaping is successful for years to come.
Angela Vorng (AV) Veronica Podhorodecki (VPo)	**Project update** **Northern Section – Orchard Road to Bridge Inn Road** Presentation covered current and upcoming works, site photos of the northern section of the project, upcoming traffic switches along Yan Yean, Bridge Inn and Doctors Gully roads, and the opening of the upgraded intersection in 2027. JL asked if the project was close to creating a functional upgraded intersection. AV said it will likely be ready by early next year. Once utility works are complete in November, the project team will lay the next stages of asphalt for the new road. **Southern section – Kurrak Road to Orchard Road** Presentation covered current and upcoming major construction works, drone footage of the southern section of the project and a tree removal update VPo acknowledged DB's concerns in relation to a temporary footpath being constructed on the eastern side of Yan Yean Road between Laurie Street and Yarrambat Park. The project team is currently reviewing a safety audit of this proposal given there was no formal existing footpath in this area. DB added residents were previously able to walk and access the park and also asked for similar footpath access along the eastern side of Yan Yean Road between Bannons Lane and Youngs Road. VPo said in the current construction environment, the project team cannot create paths where there is a risk to pedestrian safety. VPo said the team would take this request on notice. JR asked if people were crossing two lanes of traffic across Yan Yean Road pre-construction. DB said this was the case and noted a crushed rock footpath was originally constructed on top of existing clay and this was downtrodden and became overgrown very quickly. *Action: BBR to investigate the construction of a temporary footpath along the eastern side of Yan Yean Road between Bannons Lane and Youngs Road.* DB asked if existing bus shelters would be maintained once relocated, as this was advocated for by the community. VPo took this request on notice. *Action: BBR to investigate whether existing bus shelters will be maintained and their locations once relocated during and post construction.*
Josh Ribarich (JR)	**Communications update** Presentation covered upcoming community events and upcoming communications collateral.

	JR addressed action 3.4 regarding extended pop-up events at a satellite location. The Project holds pop-up community events when required ahead of milestone works or major disruption events, as well as attending the monthly Laurimar Community Market where possible. Setting up extended satellite pop-up workspaces isn't possible due to feasibility and staff availability, however the project is always open to exploring additional pop-up events to better inform the community. JR also said members could share any upcoming events where the project could attend and provide construction updates.
Joshua Lim (JL)	**Open forum and other business** EW asked if the centre lines along Yan Yean Road would be painted yellow and if more yellow/orange street lights will be installed along the alignment to manage visibility issues in the area when fog occurs. JR took the question on notice. *Action: BBR to provide information regarding line marking and street lighting colour requirements along Yan Yean Road.* STe said three kangaroos were killed in the construction zone last week and cars were not slowing down along Yan Yean Road when wildlife rescuers were working. STe added there are not enough wildlife warning signs along Yan Yean Road and drivers are not adhering to the changed speed limits. VPo said standard yellow wildlife signs are due to be installed in the area shortly. STe said Nillumbik Shire Council installed 10 illuminated sign in dangerous areas throughout their municipality and the project team should investigate installing these as they are mobile. VPo said the project team will speak to Council and investigate whether illuminated wildlife warning signage can be installed along Yan Yean Road. *Action: BBR to investigate whether illuminated wildlife warning signage can be installed along Yan Yean Road.* STe asked if speed cameras can be installed along Yan Yean Road in the project area. VPo said VIDA Roads can't install speed cameras, but the project team has contacted Victoria Police and there are constraints due to barriers. JR added this was discussed in a previous meeting around the difficulty in enforceability even before the barriers were installed. Although it is a police matter, there is speed monitoring in the area set up by the project team. JL said safety and speed will be constantly monitored throughout the life of the project, and the team will continue to investigate putting in measures to ensure compliance. The next CRG meeting will be held at in-person at Rivers of Yarrambat on Monday 26 October.

Actions – Previous

No	Owner	Topic	Status
2.1	BBR	BBR to investigate if a left and right-turn lane can be made for the centre turning lane on Ironbark Road.	CLOSED

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3.1	BBR	BBR to present on landscaping design near Diamond Valley Archers in Yarrambat, including the archery fence height, planting and visual amenities, at next CRG meeting.	CLOSED
3.2	BBR	BBR to investigate whether speed humps installed at the pedestrian crossing on Yan Yean Road approaching the roundabout can be lowered.	CLOSED
3.3	BBR	BBR to investigate moving the speed monitor to a location along Yan Yean Road between Youngs Road and Yarrambat Primary School.	CLOSED
3.4	BBR	BBR to investigate extended pop-up workspace opportunities around Doreen.	CLOSED
3.5	BBR	BBR to present on managing construction impacts such as dust at next CRG meeting.	CLOSED
3.6	BBR	BBR to investigate whether several gawk screens on the western side of Yan Yean Road near Yarrambat Park can be moved to improve visibility for drivers exiting Yarrambat Park.	CLOSED

Actions – New

No	Owner	Topic	Status
4.1	BBR	BBR to investigate repainting further centre lines along Yan Yean Road	OPEN
4.2	BBR	BBR to confirm exact heights and location of fencing at the boundary of Diamond Valley Archery Club.	OPEN
4.3	BBR	BBR to investigate the construction of a temporary footpath along the eastern side of Yan Yean Road between Bannons Lane and Youngs Road.	OPEN
4.4	BBR	BBR to investigate whether existing bus shelters will be maintained and their locations once relocated during and post construction.	OPEN
4.5	BBR	BBR to provide information regarding line marking and street lighting colour requirements along Yan Yean Road.	OPEN

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4.6	BBR	BBR to investigate whether illuminated wildlife warning signage can be installed along Yan Yean Road.	OPEN

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